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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 12, 2006

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 12, 2006 in the above application. Further examination of the application is respectfully requested after entry of the amendments proposed herein. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time for a response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2006 in the above-referenced application. Response to this action is timely filed on or before May 14, 2007 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.7 because the two-month

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extension of May 12, 2007 falls on a Saturday. Applicants enclose herewith payment in the amount of \$225.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7.